

14 July 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**Morning Meeting of 14 July 1965**

A briefing updating the DCI's earlier briefing covered Vietnam and Ecuador.

DDI showed the DCI a memo dealing with OCI realignment to provide the support of some [ ] people to the Vietnam Task Force. It was noted that [ ] will be returning from the field soon and plans are to place him on the Task Force.

DDI noted the successful work being done by NPIC and a CIA-DIA panel studying the Soviet ground forces. Photographic exploitation has been of significant help in providing better information. Kent noted that it was equally essential to apply this technique to ChiCom ground forces.

DDI tabled a memo on the status of UAR-Yemen relations.

DDI also gave DCI an ORR memo setting forth implications for the Soviet economy caused by developments in the building materials industry.

DDI reported on the query from the White House Staff concerning international sanctions on shipping to North Vietnam. It was agreed that it is helpful to the meeting to know of all such requests.

Kent noted that work had been completed on the memo of conversation during the recent visit by Clark Clifford and Coyne. Kent observed that there were two points worth emphasizing to Clifford: one, that key questions are really imponderables and can only be answered with judgments, not concrete facts; two, the Sino-Soviet split is not a hoax. DCI reminded that it was necessary to keep the subject of the Sino-Soviet split under review. DDI said he would forward results of a study of this matter made about three months ago. DCI also noted the weight of persuasive evidence from [ ] as to the extent and nature of the split.

[ ] reported that the SIGINT Committee last night had completed a package for USIB consideration dealing with the Bundy memo on [ ]

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A/DDS reported on shipments by us to the [redacted] of [redacted] in return for which we are getting some [redacted]

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deSilva reported on conversations yesterday with General Wheeler. Wheeler will bear in mind the warning that the ChiComs might acquire advantage in learning of the 15 nautical mile restriction on U.S. aircraft in the China border. If the story becomes public, Wheeler plans to issue appropriate statements. Wheeler was informed of TSD development of [redacted]

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the VC in Vietnam. DDP reported that Wheeler was also briefed, and will in turn discuss with General Westmoreland and COS Jorgenson, the subject of [redacted]

deSilva reported that he will have ready this morning comments as requested by the Secretary of Defense on certain intelligence concerning VC military strength. The DCI will review and will consider giving them to Colby for passage to SecDef on the trip to Saigon.

IG reported the status of the NPIC Automation Panel of the [redacted] Board which met in Boston Saturday.

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Houston reported that Senator Mondale will be here for breakfast tomorrow at 0800. DCI plans to attend.

Houston noted that Chairman Murphy of the CAB will be briefed today on various operational air subjects.

Houston noted successful conclusion of an episode involving a U.S. military officer who had shown some dissatisfaction over previous contacts with us, and had taken the Congressional route to make his dissatisfaction known.

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Houston reported that Chairman Fulbright will not permit observers at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the [redacted]. We will be briefed by Mann's Special Assistant Friday morning, and in addition will try to get a copy of the transcript. A cleared statement on CIA-FBI relations [redacted] is being prepared by Angleton for DCI use.

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Houston reported that a retro-active provision of administrative sick leave will be made part of the amendments to the Foreign Service Act.

Houston noted that there is little prospect of a meeting with Representative Rivers this week.

Bross reported that alternative draft NRO agreements are ready for discussion with DCI and DDCI today.

DDS&T tabled a memo and described the source of performance of a Soviet aircraft believed to be the E-266, which is believed to be involved in the claim to the world speed record recently submitted by the Soviets.

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[redacted] current dangerous and explosive situation in Ecuador, particularly in Guayaquil.

Executive Director noted a commendatory letter from the USMA

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Executive Director explained that [redacted] is at some future time to be assigned as Assistant to the Director as [redacted] replacement, but that he will not be so assigned until after completion of training and orientation and thus should not be considered to be serving in that capacity now.

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DDCI reported that he had discussed the [redacted] information with Secretary Vance yesterday.

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DCI asked when we had last overflown Hanoi and wanted to know the current status of the SAM sites there. He continues to believe that there is a purposeful intent to phase the construction so that all sites will be operational simultaneously.

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